

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Teruyuki MINAMI	)	Group Art Unit: 3611
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Application No.: 10/575,077	)	Examiner: Maurice L. Williams
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Filed: April 7, 2006	)	
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For: FUEL TANK SUPPORTING	)	Confirmation No.: 8664
STRUCTURE	)	
	)	<u>VIA EFS WEB</u>
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Commissioner for Patents		
P.O. Box 1450		
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RESTARTING THE PERIOD FOR REPLY**

Applicant appreciates the courtesy extended by the Examiner regarding the proper procedure to request restarting the period for reply. As discussed in a phone call with the Examiner and the undersigned on January 22, 2010, the Examiner of this application is respectfully requested to reset the mailing date of the Office Action of December 24, 2009, and accordingly, restart the period for response.

This request is made in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 710.06 and in view of the absence of an explanation of any rejection of claim 17 in the Office Action, paragraph 2. This error affects Applicant's ability to respond to the Office Action, and this error is called to the attention of the Office within 1 month of the mail date of the Office Action.

In response to this letter, the Examiner is requested to provide a supplemental Office Action addressing the status of claim 17 so that Applicant can properly respond

to its rejection. Accordingly, the period for reply should be restarted to run from the date the error is corrected in the supplemental Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 22, 2010

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